

Appl. No. 10/740,261
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A fibrous structure comprising at least two layers wherein at least one of the layers of the structure includes long cellulosic fibers and at least one of the layers includes a mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers, wherein the short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers are disposed in the layer in a non-random pattern.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The fibrous structure of Claim 1, wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers have a synthetic fiber length to cellulosic fiber length ratio greater than about 1.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The fibrous structure of Claim 1, wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers have a synthetic fiber length to cellulosic fiber length ratio between about 1 and about 20.

Claim 4 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1, wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers have a PTP factor of greater than about 0.75.

Claim 5 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the short cellulosic fibers are hardwood fibers.

Claim 6 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the long cellulosic fibers are softwood fibers.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

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Claim 8 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the short cellulosic fibers have a length weighted average fiber length of less than about 1 mm and an average cellulosic fiber width of less than about 18 micrometers.

Claim 9 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the synthetic fibers have a length weighted average fiber length of more than about 2 mm and an average synthetic fiber diameter of more than about 15 micrometers.

Claim 10 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the long cellulosic fibers have a length weighted average fiber length of greater than about 2 mm and an average cellulosic fiber width less than about 50 micrometers.

Claim 11 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein at least some of the synthetic fibers are bicomponent fibers.

Claim 12 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 11 wherein the bicomponent fibers are polyester based or polyolefin based.

Claim 13 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers has a coarseness value of less than about 50mg/100m.

Claim 14 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers has a coarseness value of less than about 25mg/100m.

Claim 15 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein at least some of the synthetic fibers are co-joined to at least some of the cellulosic fibers and/or other synthetic fibers.

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Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the long cellulosic fibers are generally randomly distributed in at least one layer of the unitary fibrous structure.

Claim 18 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the unitary fibrous structure is creped, uncreped or embossed.

Claim 19 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the fibrous structure is combined with a separate structure to form a multi-ply article.

Claim 20 (Original): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 further including latex disposed on at least a portion the unitary fibrous structure.

Claim 21 (Previously presented): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the fibrous structure comprises regions of different basis weight.

Claim 22 (Previously presented): The fibrous structure of Claim 1 wherein the layer including the mixture of short cellulosic fibers and synthetic fibers comprises regions of different basis weight.